How do I connect an CD/DVD ISO Image to a virtual machine

- Parallels Desktop

Symptoms

I have an ISO image file. How do I connect it to my virtual machine?

Note: If you are having difficulties with Parallels Tools installation, please follow this article: KB 8969

Note: To install Windows or other operating system using ISO image file please use KB 4729

Resolution

To connect a CD/DVD image file to your Parallels Desktop virtual machine please follow the steps below:

If the virtual machine is stopped:

1. In Mac menu click on **Actions** (Virtual Machine in previous versions) > **Configure**

2. Switch to **Hardware** tab
3. Click on the **CD/DVD** on the left
4. Under **Connect to** click on **Choose an image file**

5. Locate the ISO image file in the appeared dialog and click **Open**
6. Close the virtual machine Configuration window
7. Start your virtual machine. The contents of your ISO file are now accessible as a virtual CD/DVD ROM drive inside the virtual machine

If the Virtual Machine is running:

In Window view mode: In Mac menu bar click on Devices > CD/DVD 1 > Connect Image...

in Coherence view mode: click on Parallels menu icon > go to Devices > CD/DVD 1 > Connect Image...

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